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SUBJECT: AMOCO CADIZ: LONG TERM SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF
ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

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1. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S TIMELY REPORTING AND SUGGES-
TIONS ON CURRENT CNEXO CONSIDERATION OF A LONG-TERM
SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF THE ECOLOGICAL IMPACT OF THE
AMOCO CADIZ OIL SPILL. BASED UPON VERY PRELIMINARY DIS-
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CUSSION WITHIN USG, SPECIFICALLY WITHIN NOAA, WE HAVE THE
FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY REACTION TO WHAT APPEARS AS DIREC-
TION OF CNEXO THINKING:

-- USG AGENCIES INVOLVED VIEW WITH FAVOR CONCEPT OF
A BINATIONAL STUDY AND BELIEVE THAT U.S./FRENCH BILATERAL
COOPERATION IN OCEANOGRAPHY FOR WHICH CNEXO AND NOAA ARE

THE NATIONAL LEADERS PROVIDES APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK FOR
THE BINATIONAL STUDY;

-- NOAA IS INTERESTED IN WORKING IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THIS PROGRAM AND BELIEVES THE AREA OF THE BILATERAL
BEST SUITED TO THIS PROGRAM IS THE MARINE POLLUTION
RESEARCH AREA INITIATED AT THE JOINT MEETING IN TOULON

LAST SEPTEMBER. U.S. SCIENTIFIC LEADER FOR THIS AREA IS
DR. JOSEPH ANGELOVIC, NOAA;

-- WE HAVE IN MIND A JOINT BODY UNDER THE MARINE
POLLUTION RESEARCH AREA OF THE BILATERAL WHICH WOULD
DEVELOP THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM AND STEER THE PROGRAM ONCE
INITIATED. IT WOULD BE COCHAIRIED BY CNEXO AND NOAA, WHO
WOULD EACH APPOINT AN EQUAL NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS TO MAKE
UP THE BODY. NOAA HAS IDENTIFIED DR. WILMOT HESS,
DIRECTOR, NOAA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES, AS LEADER OF
THE U.S. SIDE OF SUCH JOINT BODY;

-- PARTICIPATION BY EPA AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES
WOULD BE WELCOME;

-- WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE WEEK OF 1 MAY FOR
MEETINGS WITH CNEXO REPS IN WASHINGTON.

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2. FYI: NOAA OFFICIALS AND AMOCO REPRESENTATIVES MET
APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH WHICH
AMOCO COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE LONG-TERM STUDY, INCLUDING
THROUGH THE U.S. SIDE OF THE PROPOSED BODY DESCRIBED
ABOVE. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE
NECESSARY. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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